



## SERVICES

### Appointments available for nearly all development services *Bypass the lines for downtown services*

Appointments are available for nearly all plan review functions, with most accessible through one telephone number — (619) 446-5300.

Some services are also available at the department's Inspection Services office in Kearny Mesa, by fax and at Community Service Centers.

With the construction and development business being brisk these days, the City of San Diego's Planning and Development Review Department's downtown offices have been busy at times with customers wanting walk-up service.

While staff is making every effort to serve all customers, at times waits can be lengthy.

The best way to avoid a wait is to make an appointment.

Services such as plan submittal, structural, mechanical and electrical rechecks, stamp-outs, permit issuance and over-the-counter plan review have appointments available at (619) 446-5300.

Other services have appointments. **APPOINTMENT continues on Page 2**

## May Is California Archaeology Month

## May 14-19 Historic Preservation Week

## May 21-26 Public Works Week

See the display in the  
City Administration Building  
Lobby  
May 8-19

## PlanFinder now on web site, in addition to fax, in-office service

### *Building plans' status can be easily checked*

Need to find out where your plans are in the approval process?

Use the PlanFinder system — by fax, on the internet or at the Development Review Center.

It will tell you what approvals have been completed, where the various plan sets are in the process and what OKs are still needed.

Applicants can use this system to get status reports on their plans. And, since it's a self-service system, there's no appointment needed or waiting in line.

The system is easy to use... just have your project's plan file number on hand.

- **By Fax:** Call the PlanFinder Fax number at (619) 581-7171. Enter your plan file number and fax telephone number when asked.

- **At The Development Review Center:** A PlanFinder terminal is located adjacent to the Check-In Counter on the Third Floor.

To use, type your plan file number in the area provided, press enter, and the data will appear on the screen.

On the first screen, a listing appears of all the approving agencies and whether they have given their OK.

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For  
building  
development  
plans  
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## CUSTOMER SERVICE

### Community members assist Land Use and Housing Committee

### *Council panel picks organizations for Technical Advisory Committee*

The City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee has selected nine local organizations to provide membership for its Technical Advisory Committee on the development review process.

At its March 15 meeting, port.

Land Use and Housing Committee members approved a plan to reconvene the Technical Advisory Committee, setting June as a date for the Technical Advisory Committee's first re-

The panel will provide a quarterly status report on the progress to improve the performance and customer service in the land and building development.

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## OUTREACH EFFORT

### New Land Development Code stars in interview program on CityAccess cable TV channel

### *Gives overview of new features, history*

The city's new Land Development Code is the star of a new interview program on the city's cable television channel.

The "Inside San Diego" program highlights the new code,

which took effect on January 1.

These portions of the San Diego Municipal Code regulate land development in the city limits, including areas such as hillsides, setbacks, driveways, fence height and floor area ratios.

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On the "Inside San Diego" set with the topic of the Land Development Code.

## Appointment

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ments available. Book appointments through these numbers: Community Plans, (619) 235-5200; electrical plan check, 446-5300; engineering permit issuance, (619) 236-6833; engineering project closeout, time extension, bond release, 236-6837; facilities financing, (619) 235-5700; fire prevention new construction plan check, hazardous materials plan check, subdivision review, (619) 446-5440; home owners night, (619) 446-5300; master plans, (619) 446-5300; sign permits, (619) 446-5300; structural plan check, (619) 446-5300; transportation planning, (619) 235-5231.

Services available at the Planning and Development Review Inspection Service office include issuance of some types of no-plan permits, including those for plumbing, electrical and mechanical work.

Inspection requires scheduling in advance. Use the city's InspectionLine service, available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week at (858) 581-7111. Enter your permit number and select the type of inspection you need through this touch-tone telephone system.

The Inspection Services office is located at 9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220, near the intersection of Balboa Avenue and Ruffin Road in Kearny

Mesa.

Some types of no-plan permits can also be obtained at city Community Service Centers. The centers are located at: 4731 Clairemont Dr.; 2469 Broadway; 4690 Market St., Suite D-20; 3795 Fairmount Ave., Suite C; 7381 Jackson Dr.;

2985 Coronado Ave., Suite D; 2640 Decatur Street; 17110 Bernardo Center Drive., 2nd floor; 663 East San Ysidro Blvd.

The centers also have fax machines available so customers can send permit applications for some types of permits by fax. ☎

## SEMINAR REGISTRATION

### Traffic Control Training Class

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- ☐ May 17  
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For information, call (619) 446-5425

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Land Development Code	\$18.85	
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To order, enclose a check made payable to **City Treasurer** with the amount of your order and mail to:

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## Summer restrictions begin on beach area street construction

*Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day are critical*

The City's annual beach-area restriction on construction work on public streets runs from Memorial Day, May 29, through Labor Day, Sept. 4, with generally only emergency work allowed on travel and parking lanes, as well as adjacent pedestrian walkways, in the beach areas during the busy weekends, with possible restrictions on other days.

Critical days are Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day.

The moratorium is due to the high traffic

volumes and special events in these areas during the summer tourist season.

The areas covered include La Jolla, Torrey Pines/UCSD, Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and Pt. Loma.

Construction activities that affect on-street parking, vehicle travel lanes or pedestrian sidewalk areas should be scheduled either before or after the summer season.

For more information, contact David Alvarez at (619) 446-5284. ☎

## NEW REGULATION

### Home remodelers need certification

State regulations require all contractors to have a Home Improvement Certification on July 1, the Contractors State License Board says.

Contractors and subcontractors both must have the certification to perform home improvement work. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

Laws and business practices of home remodeling are the subject of test questions. Contractors with existing licenses must still become certified.

The open-book test can be downloaded from the World-Wide Web or obtained from the Contractors State License Board. For information, call (916) 255-3900. ☎

### Advisory

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ment review process.

The mission will be to focus on recommendations originally presented in September 1997, and recommend changes for fast-track implementation.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee will come from the following organizations:

- Three at-large members, which can come from the community, environmental, religious or social/welfare organizations who are stakeholders in the development process;
- American Institute of Architects;
- American Society of Landscape Architects;
- Associated General Contractors;
- Building Industry Association;
- Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors of California;
- Economic Development Corporation;
- Permit Consultants Group;
- San Diego Apartment Association;
- San Diego Association of Realtors. ☎

### PlanFinder is now on the Worldwide Web



<http://www.ci.san-diego.ca.us/development-services/planfinder/index.shtml>

### PlanFinder

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A second screen tracks where the various copies of your plans are at this time.

Should you have any questions, please ask at the Check-In Counter.

- **On The Internet:** Log onto the Planning and Development Review web site at <http://www.ci.san-diego.ca.us/development-services> and follow the link to the Construction Indus-

try Professionals section. From there, look for the PlanFinder link.

Need to speak with someone concerning a clearance? A listing of clearing agencies is on the back of this flyer. Some are in the Planning and Development Review Department, in other city agencies, and in other governmental agencies. If you need help determining who to speak with, please ask at the Check-In Counter or call (619) 446-5000. ☎

### Code

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Planning and Development Review's Kelly Broughton and Linda Johnson are joined by local attorney Rebecca Michael on the half-hour program, which is hosted by local broadcaster Bob Lawrence.

Johnson is the code's Project Manager and Broughton, Deputy Director of the department's Project Management Division, was project manager during the code's update.

Michael is a member of the code's citizen advisory panel.

The program covered the new code from its history as an overhaul of the city's zoning and other land use regulations, to the new format, to its availability on the world wide web.

The program will be of interest to those own-

ing property in the city, as well as real estate agents, contractors, developers and others working with land.

The program is running in April and May on the city's cable channel, CityAccess San Diego, which is available on Cox Ch. 17 and Time-Warner Ch. 24. For a schedule of CityAccess programs, check the city's web site at <http://www.ci.san-diego.ca.us/cabletv> and look for "channel guide."

It will also be available for checkout at city libraries.

Copies can also be purchased from the Planning and Development Review publications, third floor, Development Review Center, 1222 First Ave., or by calling (619) 446-5100. ☎



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#### Services by FAX

For printouts of plan clearances. You will be  
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#### Appointment Required Services

Community Plans ..... (619) 235-5200  
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Hazardous Materials Plan Check, Subdivision  
Review ..... (619) 446-5440

Home Owners Night ..... (619) 446-5300  
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Structural Plan Check ..... (619) 446-5300  
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#### Service Locations

**Development Review Center, 1222 First Ave.**  
Planning & Development Review (Building  
Development Review, Information & Applica-  
tion Services, Land Development Review,  
Support Services).

**Stadium/Kearny Mesa area, 9601 Ridgehaven  
Ct., Suite 220**  
Planning & Development Review Inspection  
Services: Selected permit issuance, reinspec-  
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p.m., office open to 5. Construction, sign,  
demolition inspectors.

#### City Administration Building, 202 C St.

Planning and Development Review (Long  
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tion Program, Transportation Planning, Faci-  
ties Financing)

#### Executive Complex, 1010 Second Ave.

Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.,  
Traffic Engineering.

#### Civic Center Plaza, 1200 Third Ave.

Neighborhood Code Compliance

**Community Service Centers** are located in  
Clairemont, Market Street, Mid-City, Navajo,  
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nardo, and San Ysidro. Call City Information  
at (619) 236-5555 for the location in your  
neighborhood.